Officer History

Officer Name: Hughes, Justin

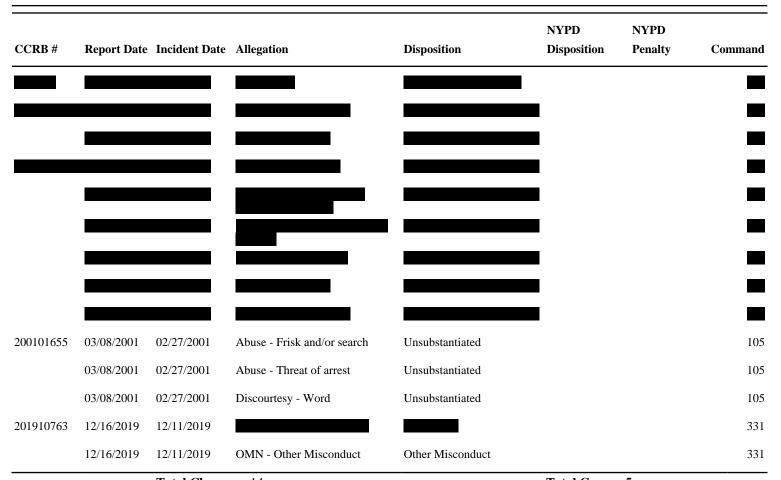
 Tax ID:
 918535
 Sex:
 M

 Shield:
 02515
 Race:
 White

Rank: DT2 Command: 331

DOB: Appt Date: 07/18/1996

Age: Tenure: 24



Total Charges = 14 Total Cases = 5

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CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

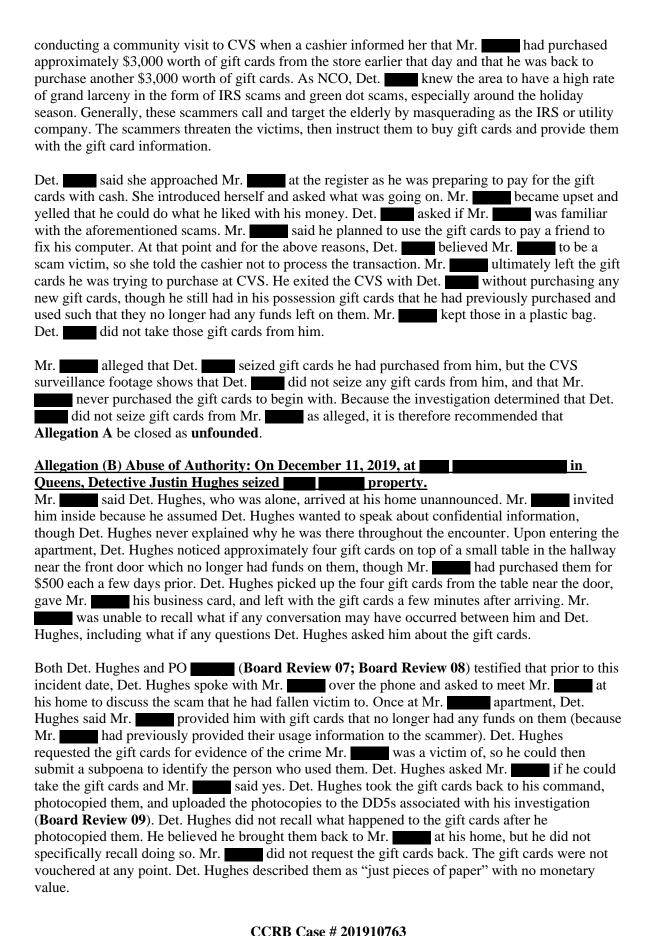
Investigator:		Team:		CCRB Case #:	☐ Force		☐ Discourt.		☐ U.S.	
Emma Stydahar		Squad #13		201910763	✓ Abuse			O.L.	☐ Injury	
Incident Date(s)		Location	of Incident:	•	Precinct:		18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL	
Tue, 12/10/2019 2:47 PM, Wed, 12/11/2019 5:10 PM		CVS Pha Bouleva		1 Ditmars n Street,		114	06	5/11/2021	1/26/2022	
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:		How CV Reported:		Date/Time Received at CCRB				
Mon, 12/16/2019 10:54 PM		CCRB		On-line website	On-line website		Mon, 12/16/2019 10:54 PM			
Complainant/Victim	Type		Home Addr	ress						
1.	Comp/Vi	etim								
Subject Officer(s)	Shield		TaxID	Command						
1. DTS	480			114 PCT						
2. DT2 Justin Hughes	02515		918535	101 DET						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	0	Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. POM				DB GLD						
Officer(s)	Allegation					Investigator Recommendation				
A. DTS	Abuse of Authority: On December 10, 2019, at 31-01 Ditmars Boulevard in Queens, Detective seized property.					A . Unfounded				
B . DT2 Justin Hughes	Abuse of Authority: On December 11, 2019, at Street, Apt. 1 in Queens, Detective Justin Hughes seized property.					В.	Subs	tantiated		
C . DT2 Justin Hughes	Other: On December 11, 2019, Detective Justin Hughes failed to prepare a Property Voucher as required.					C.	C . Other Misconduct			

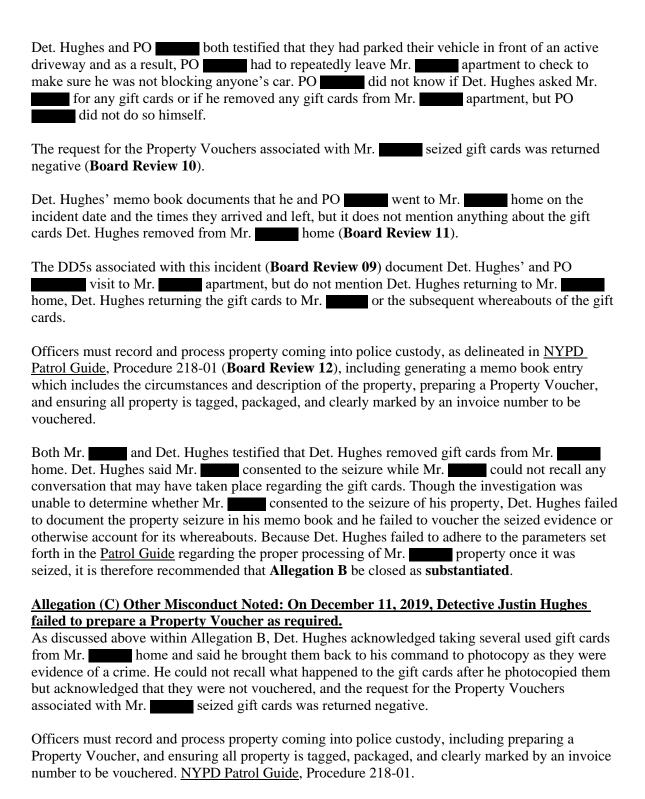
Case Summary

On December 16, 2019, filed this complaint via the CCRB's website. On December 10, 2019, at approximately 2:30pm, Mr. was inside of the CVS Pharmacy located at 31-01 Ditmars Boulevard in Queens, when Detective of the 114th Precinct confiscated the four \$500 Nordstrom gift cards which Mr. had just purchased (Allegation A: **Abuse of Authority, Unfounded**). The following day, on December 11, 2020, at approximately 2:00pm, Detective Justin Hughes and Police Officer both of the Grand Larceny Division, arrived at Mr. apartment, located at in Queens. Mr. invited Det. Hughes and PO into his apartment and Det. Hughes seized additional gift cards (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, Substantiated) The investigation determined that Det. Hughes failed to prepare a property voucher as required (Allegation C: Other Misconduct Noted). None of the members of service involved in this incident were equipped with a Body Worn Camera ("BWC") at the time. CVS video surveillance footage captured the first part of this incident. The footage can be found in IAs #189 and 120 (Board Review 01, Board Review 02), and summaries of the footage can be found in IAs #192 and 122 (Board Review 03, Board Review 04). **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: On December 10, 2019, at 31-01 Ditmars Boulevard in Queens, Detective seized property. (Board Review 05) said he entered CVS with the intention of purchasing gift cards to send to someone he had been interacting with online, though he later learned that this person was "scamming" him. [One day prior, he had purchased \$1,500 worth of gift cards at the same CVS location for the same person.] Mr. walked straight to the counter at the front of the store near the gift card display. Mr. purchased four Nordstrom gift cards for \$500 each using cash. He initially said Det. who had been standing behind the counter a few feet away from the registers, approached Mr. shook his hand, and grabbed the gift cards from him. He then said he did not remember where the gift cards were when Det. seized them – he may have been holding them in his hand and handed them to her, she may have grabbed them out of his hand, or she may have removed them from his backpack. Det. told Mr. that she suspected the gift cards were part of a scam and that she was trying to protect him from fraud. This was Mr. first interaction with Det. She said she would return the funds on the gift cards to Mr. bank account before giving him a piece of paper with her name and phone number on it and leaving the store. CVS surveillance footage (**Board Review 01**) begins with Mr. approaching the checkout counter. The cashier stands behind the counter, holding up a gift card. At the 00:41 minute mark of the media player timestamp (visible at the bottom of the screen), Det. approaches Mr. The cashier looks in Det. direction and points at the cash register monitor. Det. Mr. converse with each other, but the video has no sound. At 01:00, three additional CVS employees approach Det. and Mr. One of them stands between Det. At 01:11, that CVS employee takes a gift card from the counter in front of Mr. 01:23, that CVS employee picks up the other gift cards off of the counter and walks away. For the next three minutes, Det. Mr. and the cashier continue to converse. At 04:35, Det. and Mr. exit the store together. Throughout the video, Det. ever has possession of the gift cards. statement was consistent with the CVS surveillance footage. Det. **(Board** Review 06) said she was working as the Neighborhood Coordination Officer ("NCO") and

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Because Det. Hughes failed to voucher the seized evidence as required by the <u>Patrol Guide</u>, it is recommended that he be cited for **Other Misconduct**.

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

• This is the first CCRB complaint to which Mr. has been a party (**Board Review 13**).

Det. Hughes has been a member of the NYPD for 23 years and has been a subject in four additional complaints, comprised of 12 allegations, none of which were substantiated. Neither Det. nor Det. Hughes' CCRB histories depict any pattern pertinent to this investigation. Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories declined to mediate this complaint. As of January 21, 2020, Mr. has not filed a Notice of Claim with the NYC Comptroller's Office regarding this incident (Board Review 14). According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), Mr. has no history of criminal convictions in New York City (Board Review 15). Squad No.: 13 Inv. Emma Stydahar Investigator: Inv. Emma Stydahar 04/29/2021 Print Title & Name Signature Date Squad Leader: <u>IM Laura Kastner</u> IM Laura Kastner 04/29/2021 Print Title & Name Signature Date